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They Had Right Dope:

U.S. Intelligence Agents Knew Course of Events

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WASHINGTON—Top American officials, not only knew in advance that Israel planned to strike into Egypt but they also knew the place and exact time of the thrust, it was reported today.

Reliable sources said that the officials were kept fully abreast of the situation because of the brilliant intelligence work of United States agents overseas.

"The Central Intelligence Agency hit that one right on the nose," it was said. The CIA is under the direction of Allen Dulles, formerly of Watertown, N.Y., and a brother of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Informed quarters in the capital heaped high praise today on Director Dulles of the CIA. "He's the best in the world in his field," one man declared.

IT WAS RECALLED that Assistant Secretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr., visited President Eisenhower at the Walter Reed Hospital last weekend in connection with the Middle East crisis. Hoover, it was emphasized, had access to the best intelligence reports on working conditions in the Suez Canal zone.

American intelligence agents also called the shots on the intentions of the British and French governments, it was said, although neither government informed officials in Washington of their plans.

Acting on these intelligence reports, President Eisenhower sent urgent pleas to all governments involved, urging them to refrain from starting a shooting war.

Official Washington was agast later that the governments would not follow the U.S. declared



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DESPITE THE war-like moves in the Middle East, in other words, Washington did not believe that a war would be started—principally, because it was not consulted in advance.

So good was American intelligence in the Israeli-Egyptian situation, it was said further, that President Eisenhower knew that Israel would not plunge into Jordan—as had been hinted. "He knew that was camouflage," it was explained.

In a similar vein, high officials here look for further crack-ups in the so-called Soviet satellite nations, it was said. "Hungary made a real dent in the monolithic Russian empire," it was stated, "and we expect more good results all over."

A check showed that many in Washington are wondering how long Premier Nagy of Hungary can hang on. They feel that the revolt is going all the way, and that the Hungarians will have no part of "Titoism."

The new Hungarian government, it was believed, will include Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, possibly as the Premier. Cardinal Mindszenty, a national hero, was liberated by Hungarian revolutionary troops. He had been imprisoned by the Reds for several years.

MEANWHILE, fighting in the Middle East poses a threat to the U.S. foreign aid program, it was learned.

The Export-Import Bank disclosed that it has cancelled departure of an economic and engineering mission to Israel in connection with that country's request of last March for a \$75,000,000 loan.

On Oct. 11, Samuel C. Waugh, president of the Export-Import Bank, announced that the mission would sail this week. Now the sailing date has been canceled. The mission is headed by Lynn Stambaugh, the bank's first vice president.

Additionally, both the executive and legislative branches of this government certainly will be slated for Britain and France in the future, it was stressed

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